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TAGS: OVIP, AF, US
SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT: JOINT STATEMENT

REF: STATE 230800

1. FOLLOWING IS MOST RECENT DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT WHICH NOW INCLUDES SUGGESTIONS MADE BY GOVT OF AFGHANISTAN.

2. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON NOVEMBER 1. 1974, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. DURING HIS STAY HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER, MOHAMMAD DAOUD AND MET MR. MOHAMMAD NAIM AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, WAHEED ABDULLAH. HE HAD LUNCH WITH THE HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD DAOUD.

THE TWO SIDES CONDUCTED FRANK DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IN THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THAT CHARACTERIZES US-AFGHAN RELATIONS. THE TOPICS INCLUDED BILATERAL RELATIONS, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REGION, PROGRESS
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IN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, AND THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH

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NATIONS OF SECURING A PEACEFUL, STABLE AND COPPERATIVE WORLD. THE AFGHAN SIDE INFORMED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF ITS VIEWS AND POSITION ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDING THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE REGION TO WHICH AFGHANISTAN BELONGS. SECRETARY KISSINGER INFORMED THE AFGHAN SIDE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. THEY AGREED THAT THE WAY TO FIND LASTING, DURABLE, AND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO EXISTING PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES IS THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE AND THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG ALL SIDES CONCERNED.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. IN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN, THE SECRETARY AFFIRMED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT DAOUD WARM PERSONAL WISHES FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

THE AFGHAN AND AMERICAN SIDES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS MAJOR ROLE IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE AFGHAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AT THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THIS END BEING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH BILATERAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION.

THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE CONTINUING DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN ACHIEVING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS. IN THIS CONNECTION A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REVIEW WITH THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES JOINT PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS IN BRINGING PROJECTS TO FRUITION. UNQUOTE

3. EMBASSY KABUL BELIEVES STATEMENT WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF LAST PARAGRAPH REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE CONTINUING DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHAN-
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ISTAN IN ACHIEVING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS. THE TWO LEADERS ESPECIALLY NOTED THE POTENTIAL FOR JOINT COOPERATION IN HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION THE SECRETARY ADVISED PRESIDENT DAOUD THAT HE WILL ASK A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN THE NEAJFFUTURE TO REVIEW WITH THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES JOINT PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS IN BRINGING PROJECTS

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TO FRUITION. UNQUOTE

4. FYI - EMBASSY HAS HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH GOA OVER WORDING IN SECOND PARAGRAPH OF STATEMENT. AFGHANS TRIED HARD TO INSERT WORD "NEGOTIATIONS" INTO LAST SENTENCE WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD UNNECESSARILY ANNOY PAKISTANIS AND ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR AIM TO BE IMPARTIAL IN GOA/GOP DISPUTE.

5. ALSO FYI - AFTER SECRETARY'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK TO GOA AND ASK FOR INSERTION OF THE SECOND SENTENCE IN OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE (PARA 3 OF THIS TELEGRAM) ON SPECIFIC PROJECT AREAS. MENTION OF THESE AREAS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SIGNAL TO LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS THAT THEY HAVE MARCHING ORDERS TO COOPERATE IN HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING, ETC. GOA MAY BALK AND IF THEY DO, WE WILL DROP THIS SENTENCE.

6. CHANGE OF LANGUAGE IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF STATEMENT TO "SECRETARY WILL ASK A SENIOR AID OFFICIAL TO VISIT" IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOA IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SECRETARY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS FORMULATION MORE MEANINGFUL TO GOA THEN EXPRESSION OF "HOPE THAT SUCH A VISIT WILL OCCUR, CONT-AINED IN DEPT'S FIRST DRAFT (REFTEL).
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